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WORLD UNITED FOR PEACE: DISARMAMENT AND ITS SOCIAL
CONSEQUENCES"

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1. BARRY HOLLISTER, HEAD OF NGO QUAKER TEAM AT UN, AS ASKED JEAN
PICKER, US REP TO COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD),
TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR
PEACE AND FREEDOM (WILPF) FROM PHILADELPHIA, IN ORDER
DISCUSS" TROUBLES THEY ARE HAVING" IN OBTAINING SUPPORT
FROM SIPILA AND BRUCE OF UN SECT FOR WILPF'S MAY 7-9
SEMINAR ON PEACE AND DISARMAMENT. (FYI. IN CONVERSTAION
WITH MISSION OFFICERS AND PERHAPS IN PART BECAUSE OF THOSE
CONVERSATIONS, ASYG HELVI SIPILA AND MARGARET BRUCE, OFFICER
PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR IWY ACTIVITIES IN SECT, HAVE
INDICATED THAT THEY REGRET UN INVOLVEMENT IN THIS POLITICALLY
LOADED SEMINAR. END FYI.)

2. HOLLISTER FURTHER TOLD PICKER THAT WILPF WOULD LIKE
HER TO CHAIR SESSION OF SEMINAR SO AS TO PROVIDE
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SOME COUNTER-BALANCE TO PARTICIPANTS FROM SOVIET-DOMINATED

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (WIDF). PICKER EXPLAINED THAT AS US REP TO CSD, IT WOULD NOT BE WISE FOR HER TO CHAIR ANY PART OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS' SEMINAR, THAT SHE WAS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ARMAMENTS AND THAT, SINCE SHE WAS GOING TO USSR APRIL 19, SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PREPARE HERSELF ON THE SUBJECT.

3. ANNABELLE WIENER, NY REP OF WORLD FEDERATION OF UN ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA) HEADQUARTERED IN GENEVA, WHICH IS COOPERATING IN SEMINAR, HAS INFORMED PICKER THAT SO FAR FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF US IWY COMMISSION HAVE ACCEPTED HER INVITATION TO DINNER CO-HOSTED BY HERSELF AND ASYG SIPILA AT SIGN OF THE DOVE, EVENING OF MAY 8, ALTHOUGH CHAIRPERSON JILL RUCKELSHAUS IS UNABLE TO ATTEND: ETHEL ALLE, MARGARET LONG ARNOLD, WESTON CHRISTOPHERSON, RESA POSTEN AND CONGRESSWOMEN HECKLER. FIVE OTHERS HAVE REGRETTED. ON MORNING MAY 9 ASYG SIPILA IS GIVING BRIEFING ON IWY TO US COMMISSION MEMBERS.

4. PICKER HAS EXPLAINED TO WIENER THAT SINCE BRIEFING, WILL TAKE PLACE AT UN DURING PERIOD OF SEMINAR, IT WILL APPEAR THAT US COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE SUPPORTING SEMINAR BY THEIR PRESENCE. PICKER THEREFORE ASKED WIENER IF SHE COULD CHANGE DATE OF DINNER. WIENER HAS REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO EVENTS; THAT SHE IS USING OCCASION ONLY TO UNVEIL IWY POSTAGE STAMP; THAT SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT INVITED TO DINNER OR BRIEFING; AND THAT SHE CANNOT CHANGE DATES.

5. COMMENT. WHILE WIENER PERHAPS NAIVE CONCERNING WIDF PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR, SHE IS REALLY INTERESTED IN UNVEILING IWY STAMP AND IN OBTAINING PUBLICITY FOR IT SINCE WFUNA/NY EXISTS FINANCIALLY ON ITS SALES OF STAMPS.
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